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Examiner: P. PARTHASARATHY

For: **SHEET-SHAPED MEDIUM, METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINATION OF GENUINENESS OR COUNTERFEITNESS OF THE SAME, AND APPARATUS FOR ISSUING CERTIFICATE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 14, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows.